



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

2005 Hunt Regulations: Suwannee Canal Unit

General Information:

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 540 National Wildlife Refuges—places that provide habitat for the conservation and protection of all species of wildlife. Carefully managed hunts maintain wildlife populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide recreational opportunities, and permit the use of a valuable renewable resource.

Hunt Regulations

You are responsible for knowing and following all State, Federal, and Refuge Regulations:

- Licenses, permits, all hunting equipment, vehicles or other conveyances are subject to inspection by Federal and/or State Officers
- Permits are required and are not transferable. Your permit is your entrance pass on the days of the hunt.
- Youth hunters (age 10 to 16) must show proof of having successfully passed a state-approved hunter education course and be accompanied by an adult.

Parking and Transportation:

- Enter, park, and exit the refuge only at designated points.
- Motor vehicles are allowed only on the roads shown on the attached map. Do not block roads. Walk into hunt areas from paved road.
- Only disabled hunters on Chesser Island may use ATV's and vehicles on firebreaks and non-paved roads.

Scouting:

- Non-motorized scouting is allowed during daylight hours beginning seven days prior to the hunt.
- Entrance fees apply during normal hours of operation (9am to 4pm).
- Use of flagging, reflective tape or beads, or paint to mark scouted hunt areas is prohibited.

Hunting:

- Check-in before 5:30a.m. each day of the hunt. Any permits not verified by 5:30a.m. will be given to stand-by hunters chosen from a lottery of those present.
- Stand-by hunters must be prepared to pay \$12.50 for a hunt permit. Only checks, money-orders, or exact change will be accepted on the day of the hunt.
- Check-in and out of the hunt area each day. Refuge staff will tag all deer harvested.
- Hunting areas are open on hunt dates from two hours before sunrise until noon. Remain on your stand from 30 minutes before sunrise until 9a.m.
- Remove your stand daily. Use of nails or metal devices to climb or attach stands to trees is prohibited.
- Unload and case your weapon when transporting it in your vehicle.

Field Dressing:

- Field dress deer or hogs out of sight of the public. Do not leave evidence of field dressing where the public may view it.

Prohibited Acts:

- Overnight camping, fires, possession and use of alcohol, and hunting with dogs are prohibited.

Hunt Area/Game: Suwannee Canal

Game:

Deer – either sex, limit 2 per day

Hogs – either sex, no limit

Acres:

Wildlife Drive: 651

Chesser Island: 561 (*Chesser Island reserved for hunters in wheelchairs*)

Season:

Shotgun slugs or muzzleloaders only; October 28 and 29 until noon each day.

Permit fee:

\$12.50 each (non-refundable)

Hunters in wheelchairs are permitted access by motorized equipment.

How to obtain refuge hunt permits

Two-day permits will be issued by drawing.

Complete the attached application and return it to the address listed below. Only one application per person. Applications for all permits must ***be received by August 31, 2005.***

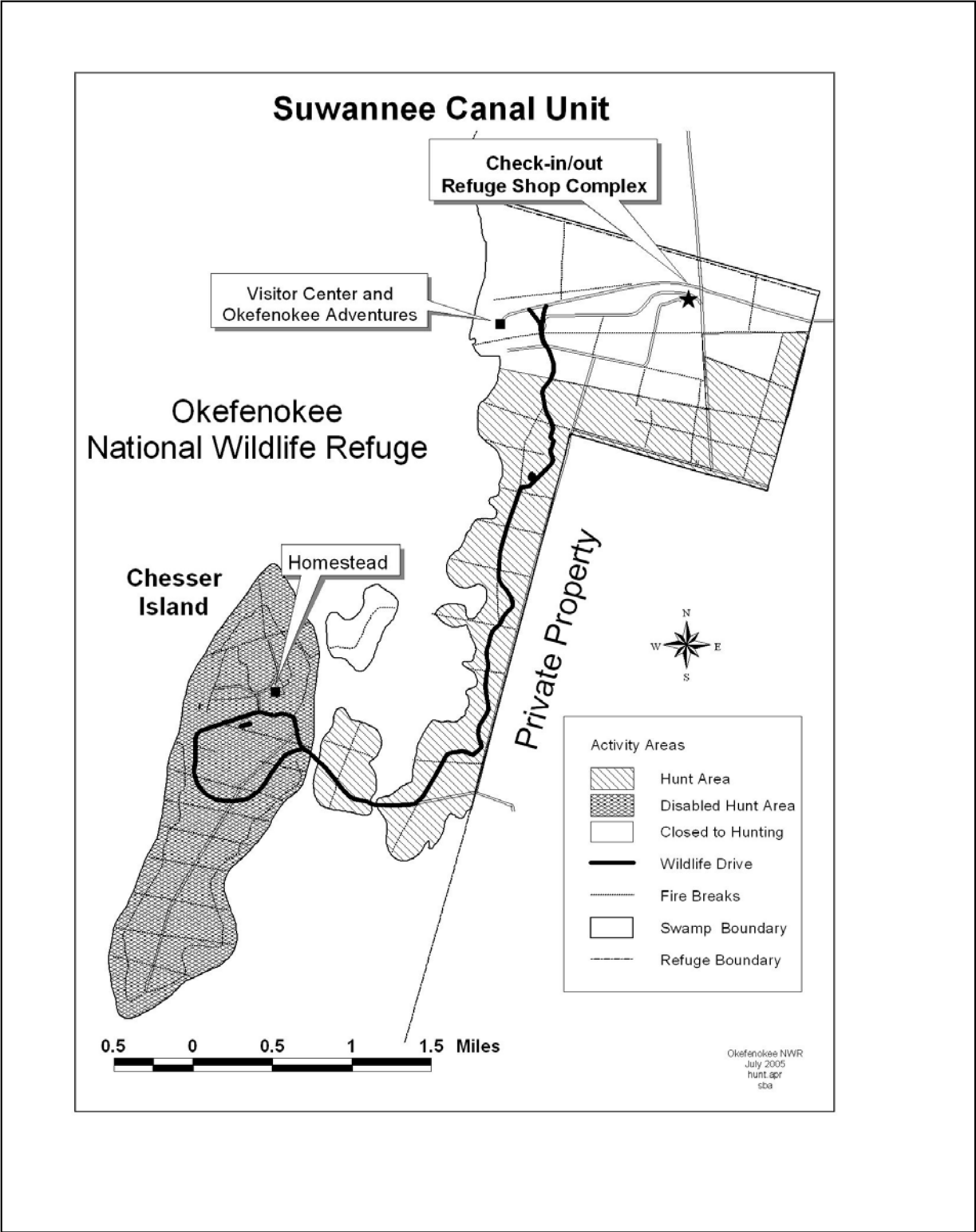
If you wish to hunt with a group of up to three people, you may staple applications together. No more than three applications may be stapled together.

Applicants in wheelchairs must include a refuge-supplied physician's statement with their application. Call (912) 496-7836 to obtain this statement.

Applicants selected in the drawing will be notified by mail. All successful applicants must submit \$12.50 by personal check, cashier’s check or money order payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, **by close of business October 14, 2005**, in order for the permit to be issued. Hunters will pick up their permits when they check-in.

Return Applications To: Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge
Route 2, Box 3330
Folkston, GA 31537
ATTN: Hunt Coordinator

Or deliver completed applications from 9a.m. to 5p.m. at the refuge Visitor Center located 12 miles southwest of Folkston, GA, off Hwy. 121/23. For more information, contact the refuge at (912) 496-7836.



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Name: _____ Phone (daytime): _____

Address: _____

Hunter in Wheelchair? YES NO
(hunters in wheelchairs are permitted to have one non-hunting assistant)

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